Helms Assures Panel on CIA Spying in U.S.

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Former Central Intelligence Agency Director Richard M. Helms was quoted as telling the Senate Foreign Relations Committee yesterday that if there was CIA infiltration of American radical groups, it occurred without his knowledge.

Sen. Gale W. McGee (D-Wyo.), who gave that report, said the three-hour closed hearing was devoted almost entirely to questioning Helms fied with Helms' testimony on the CIA's controversial role in this country and Chile.

Sen. John J. Sparkman (D-Ala.), Foreign Relations Committee chairman, called Helm's answers "full and frank." "As far as I'm concerned, I'd be glad for this to end it," Sparkman said in regard to the committee's questioning of Helms.

Current CIA Director William E. Colby last week acknowledged that the super-secret intelligence agency had spied on American journalists and political dissenters, opened the mail of private citizens, planted informers inside domestic protest groups and assembled the agency's own secret files on more than 10,000 Americans.

Helms said that the CIA, which he headed from 1966 to 1973, had not been involved in any wrongdoing.

However, Helms told the Senate Armed Services Committee last Thursday that the CIA had some involvement in domestic intelligence operations because of "express concern of the President" about

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Rep. Phillip Burton (Calif.), reform leader and caucus chairman who emerges from the battles as a leading power in the House, said the most important event was not the dramatic overthrow of chairmen but the adoption of rules that will democratize committee proceedings and let each member contribute according to ability rather than seniority.

Burton also sought to end talk that he poses a threat to the political future of Majority Leader Thomas P. O'Neill (Mass.), who wants to run for Speaker when Carl Albert (Okla.) steps down, at the end of this Congress. Burton said

The Treasury is now $1 billion shy of the country's $495 billion debt ceiling and the increased borrowing will require congressional approval for a substantial increase in the statutory ceiling.

Treasury Secretary William E. Simon indicated yesterday that Congress must act by Feb. 18. He is expected to give details on the new financing needs and ask for the ceiling to be lifted in testimony this morning before the House Ways and Means Committee.

The additional $28 billion in borrowing comes on top of $17 billion in past federal debt that matures during the six months ending June 30 and must be renewed, plus the Treasury's regular bill offering which will have to be increased.

The borrowing schedule will be spread out over the next few months and will be comprised of sales of a wide variety of government bills, notes and bonds with different redemption dates, including, for the first time, some maturing as far in the future as 2000.

The government has already raised $3.3 billion in new funds since the beginning of the year. Yesterday, Treasury pay and mercy, making credit more available.

Tower Vice Chairman

Six GOP Senators Named to CIA Panel

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Two conservatives, two liberals and one moderate were named yesterday as the Republican members of a special 11-member Senate committee to investigate charges the CIA and FBI have improperly intruded on the lives of American citizens.

Named as GOP members were conservative Sens. John G. Tower (Tex.), and Barry M. Goldwater (Ariz.); liberals Charles McC. Mathias (Md.), and Richard Schweiker (Pa.), and moderate Howard H. Baker Jr. (Tenn.).

Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott appointed the GOP members. His counterpart, Mike Mansfield, still must name six Democrats to serve.

Tower will serve as the vice chairman of the panel, to be known as the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Operations. Tower earlier told newsmen he was not enthusiastic about the assignment.

Baker was also named to the Foreign Relations Committee and Sen. Bill Brock, (R-Tenn.), to the Finance Committee under recommendations the Republican Senate Committee on Committees completed yesterday.

These were the two choicest assignments available to GOP senators in the reshuffling at the start of the 94th Congress.

They still must be acted on by the conference of all Republican senators but no changes are expected there.

The two Republican freshmen, Jake Garn (Utah) and Paul Laxalt (Nev.), were put on major committees.

Garn was assigned to Banking, Housing and Urban Development, and in addition was placed on Aeronautical and Space Sciences and the District of Columbia Committees. Laxalt was named to Labor and Public Welfare. He also will serve on the Space Committee.

Other new assignments were: Dewey Bartlett, (Okla.), Armed Services; Jesse Helms (N.C.), Banking; Henry Bellmon (Okla.), J. Glenn Beall Jr. (Md.), James L. Buckley (N.Y.), James A. McClure, (Idaho), and Peter Domenici, (N.M.), Budget; Buckley and Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (Conn.), Commerce; Weicker, Government Operations; and William L. Scott (Va.), Judiciary and Veterans Affairs.